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FOLLOWING INFORMAL SUMMARY TRANSLATION OF PRIME MINISTER'S
REMARKS OF DEC. 10 CONCERNING ANGOLA PREPARED FROM AFRIKAANS
TEXT JUST RECEIVED:

"ALL OUR NEIGHBORS KNOW THAT SOUTH AFRICA HAS NO DESIGNS,
TERRITORIAL OR OTHERWISE, AGAINST THEM. THEY ARE SPARED
THE EXPENSE OF MAINTAINING BIG ARMIES BY THIS FACT. THE
SAME APPLIES TO ANGOLA. WE HAVE NO TERRITORIAL AMBITIONS,
AND NO WISH TO ACHIEVE SOME LEVEL OF INFLUENCE. SOUTH
AFRICA RECOGNIZES ANGOLA AS A STATE, BUT THERE IS NOT JUST
ONE GOVERNMENT THERE. THERE IS THE MPLA OF MR. NETO, THE
UNITA OF MR. SAVIMBI, AND THE FNLA OF MR. ROBERTO.

"THERE ARE CHARGES AND RUMORS AT THE WORLD COUNCIL OF
CHURCHES MEETING AND IN THE UNITED NATIONS ABOUT THE
PARTICIPATION OF SOUTH AFRICA IN THE ANGOLA WAR. THERE WAS
GREAT OPPOSITION TO THE MOVE TO INCLUDE MENTION OF THE RUSSIAN
INVOLVEMENT. I SAY THAT AS FAR AS I KNOW NONE OF THE THREE
ANGOLAN LEADERS HAVE MADE ALLEGATIONS ABOUT SOUTH AFRICAN
INVOLVEMENT. IN FACT, SAVIMBI AND ROBERTO HAVE SPECIFICALLY
DENIED IT. NO ONE WAS ABLE TO PROVIDE ANY PROOF ON THIS
POINT, AS WAS POINTED OUT BY THE U.S. REPRESENTATIVE DURING
THOSE DISCUSSIONS.

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"SOUTH AFRICA IS A FAVORITE WHIPPING BOY. I DON'T WANT TO USE THIS PLATFORM TO TALK ABOUT THESE ACCUSATIONS WHICH WE HAVE ALREADY ANSWERED IN THE PAST. I WILL USE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SAY THAT IF WE MUST BE A WHIPPING BOY BECAUSE WE OPPOSE COMMUNISM, THEN THEY CAN SAY WHAT THEY WANT. WE ARE PREPARED TO STAND UP AND BE COUNTED ON THIS MATTER WITHOUT HIDING BEHIND ANYONE.

" SOUTH AFRICA IS VERY WORRIED ABOUT THE SOVIET AND CUBAN INVOLVEMENT IN ANGOLA. THE GOAL IS TO BUILD A MARXIST STATE, AND TO CONSTRUCT A ROW OF SUCH STATES FROM ANGOLA TO DAR ES SALAAM TO DIVIDE AFRICA IN TWO. WE ARE RIGHTFULLY WORRIED. ALL OF AFRICA SHOULD BE WORRIED, AND THE WHOLE FREE WORLD SHOULD BE WORRIED. THIS IS THE BEGINNING OF A COMMUNIST STATE IN THE HEART OF AFRICA WITH ALL THAT IMPLIES FOR ITS NEIGHBORS. COMMUNISM WILL BE ABLE TO THREATEN THE CAPE SEA ROUTES TO THE DETRIMENT OF THE WHOLE FREE WORLD AND THE WEST. SOUTH AFRICA WORRIES ABOUT THESE PROBLEMS AND IS GRATEFUL THAT OTHER GREATER POWERS OF THE FREE WORLD ARE ALSO CONCERNED.

"SOUTH AFRICA HAS ALWAYS ACTED CORRECTLY IN SUCH MATTERS, AND HAS ALWAYS LOOKED AFTER SOUTH AFRICA'S INTERESTS AND PROTECTED THEM TO THE FULL EXTENT OF ITS CAPABILITIES. WE WILL PROTECT THE BORDERS FOR WHICH WE ARE RESPONSIBLE WITH ALL AVAILABLE STRENGTH.

"THE PRESENT SITUATION LENDS ITSELF TO ALL KINDS OF SENSATIONALIST REPORTS. WE MUST EXPECT THAT THE REPORTS COMING FROM LUANDA WILL BE STRONGLY SLANTED TOWARD THE MPLA AND MARXISM. THIS PROPAGANDA WILL BE GIVEN TO THE WORLD AS FACT BY THE LEFTIST MEDIA. IT IS MY DUTY TO WARN YOU AGAINST THESE MISLEADING HEADLINES, PLACARDS AND ARTICLES ... GUARD YOURSELVES AGAINST THIS, USING THE INTELLIGENCE YOU HAVE DEVELOPED HERE AT THE UNIVERSITY. I HAVE FOUND THAT THE BIGGER THE HEADLINES, THE LESS CHANCE THAT THE WHOLE TRUTH IS THERE. THE INTERESTED DEPARTMENTS OF THIS GOVERNMENT, THE DEFENSE AND THE POLICE, KNOW VERY WELL WHAT THEY ARE DOING. THEY ARE FULLY INFORMED, AND THEY ARE CAPABLE OF HANDLING THE PROBLEMS INVOLVED."

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